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In re Application of: Bruce H. Morimoto, et al.

Serial No: TBA (U.S. National Phase of PCT/US00/04140
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For: **Phosphocholine Linked Prodrug Derivatives**

AFFIRMATION OF PRIORITY CLAIM

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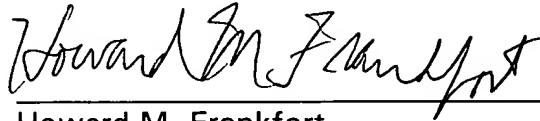
Sir:

Priority has been claimed on the basis of United States Patent Application No. 60/120,483 filed 18 February 1999.

A Certified copy of the the aforesaid United States patent application was received by the International Bureau on 07 April 2000, during the pendency of International Application No. PCT/US00/04140.

Applicants herewith affirm the priority claim of the aforesaid United
States patent application under U.S.C. §119.

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